

Servers Today, March 18, 2018

**The Life Of Isaac
(Genesis 25:19-26:35)**

Guest Speaker: *Jun Fuentes*
 Song Leader: *Annan Bayla*
 Invocation: *Ernie Wagang*
 Intercessory Prayer: *June Reyes*
 Communion Text: *1 Corinthians 11:17-26*
 Scripture Reading: *Rico Ramos*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Kajem Kitma*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Donnel Gonzales*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Dexter Wagang*
 Closing Prayer: *Gaspar Baldo, Jr.*
 Announcement: *Annan Bayla*
 Evening Speaker: *Jesse Bestre*
 Song Leader: *Annan Bayla*
 To Bring Flowers: *Laisha Montes*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Clarita G. Cachero*
 To Bring Drinks: *c/o Midtown*
 Usher/ettes: *Perdigon Family*

Communion: *Angela Ramos*
 Worship Coordinator: *Tada | Glori | Tacay*

How To Become a Biblical Christian

- 1). *Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.*
- 2). *Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.*
- 3). *Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24*
- 4). *Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.*
- 5). *Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, Mat. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10.*
- 6). *Be baptized into Christ, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.*
- 7). *Remain faithful unto death, Rev. 2:10;*

Servers for March 25, 2018

**The Salvation of Jacob's Family
(Genesis 42:1-50:26)**

Speaker: *Ernie Wagang*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 Invocation: *Jhun Bayating*
 Intercessory Prayer: *Mervin Oliva*
 Communion Text: *Romans 8:1-4*
 Scripture Reading: *Ira Po*
 Prayer for the Bread: *Julius Rojo*
 Prayer for the Cup: *Sam Quezada*
 Prayer for the Giving: *Abe Insas*
 Closing Prayer: *Rolito Tugay-an*
 Announcement: *Jun Reyes*
 Evening Speaker: *Ernie Wagang*
 Song Leader: *June Reyes*
 To Bring Flowers: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Biscuits: *Josie Baban*
 To Bring Drinks: *Volunteers Needed*
 Usher/ettes: *Kitma Family*

Communion: *Angela Ramos*
 Worship Coordinator: *Tada | Glori | Tacay*



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Seminar on love, courtship & marriage next Sunday

In place of the usual YOUNG PEOPLE'S CARE GROUP scheduled every fourth Sunday, the young people and all other interested parties are cordially invited to a seminar on Love, Courtship, & Marriage to be held at Midtown's Assembly Hall next Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 1:00—4:00 in the afternoon.

Brother Jesse Bestre, Midtown's youth minister, and brother Annan Bayla will be facilitating the seminar which includes "TIME-TESTED & BIBLICAL GUIDELINES FOR LOVE COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE & SEX," and PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY.Ω

Alex Ciencia passes physician licensure exam

Midtown brethren congratulates and joins brother ALEXANDRE JAMES CIENCIA y SAMEON in jubilations and in praising the Lord Almighty for passing the recent PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS released by the Professional Regulation Commission last Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Brother Alex graduated Doctor of Medicine at the Saint Louis University, this city, last year and now joins the ranks of 1,067 newest medical doctors in the country. Congratulations and Praises to God!Ω

Pito congregation welcomes Kabayan residents

Brothers Art Tacay and Abe Insas reported that brother Lucero Egme of the Baguio Church of Christ was with them in serving at the Pito congregation in Bokod last Sunday, March 11th. Also, brother Lucero invited his nephew, Oscar & family, who are residents of Kabayan, Benguet. Brother Art served as songleader & sermon speaker while brother Abe served as Bible study facilitator. The former discussed the PARABLE OF THE SOWER (Luke 8:4-15) while the latter discussed "TI NASAYAAT NGA PANAKIDANGADANG" (1 Tim 6:12).Ω

National Youth Camp to be held at Living Hope Camp

NYC UPDATE: As a result of last Sunday's meeting by the Young Adults, the NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP to be hosted by this congregation will be held at the LIVING HOPE CAMP located at the scenic, pine-clad, and refreshing hills of Sitio Taroy, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet on May 28—31, 2019.Ω

"God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame."

READ Matthew 6:19-34

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Midtown welcomes guest speakers today

Midtown welcomes brother Erasto 'Jun' Fuentes who will be serving as sermon speaker in the morning worship assembly today. Brother Jun serves with the SUNSET CHURCH OF CHRIST in Lubbock, Texas, USA and with the BICOL CHURCH OF CHRIST in Naga City, his hometown. The congregation also welcomes his fellow servant, brother Don Walker, an elder and preacher at the TRENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST, Georgia, USA, who will be serving as facilitator for the joint adult Bible Study Hour. The guests are in the city for a proposed Bible College.Ω

Tuba seniors happy about devotionals

Last March 3, 2018, a devotional service was eagerly attended by around 70 members of the TUBA POBLACION SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION at the Poblacion Barangay Hall. On March 6, 2018, almost a hundred seniors and some younger representatives of the TALOY SUR SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION expressed appreciation for the devotional services being conducted there every other month. On both occasions, brothers Annan Bayla and Charlie Abance facilitated a study on "TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THE LORD" based on Isaiah 55:6-11.

On Thursday, March 22, the presidents of all twenty-three senior citizen associations of Tuba will be attending a meeting of the FEDERATION OF TUBA SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS at the Poblacion Barangay Hall. As requested, the meeting will start with a devotional service to be conducted by brothers Charlie Abance and Annan Bayla.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Jocelyn Bugtong, a member of the TUBA POBLACION SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, is currently studying the SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY at her residence at Sitio Digdigwayan, Poblacion, Tuba every Thursday afternoon since February 22, 2018. A number of her family and relatives have joined the Bible study. Kindly include this development in unceasing prayers.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
March 11, 2018**

**AM COLLECTION
P29,504.50**

**PM COLLECTION
P2,550.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P32,054.50**

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults - 121 YP - 32 Children - 37 Guests - 4	PM Adults - 16 YP - 7 Children - 1 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 194

TOTAL - 24

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 218**

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Ian Pajantoy | *Gaspar Nawew |
| *Gloria Yang | *Priscilla Bayases |
| *Marina Gawe | *Rolito Tugay-an |
| *Sotero Denis | *Maria Elena Lachica |
| *Bernie Austria | *Jeremy Denis |
| *Norma Aping | *Eduardo Ganga |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Linda Yaneza |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Florence Magalong |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | *Bernard Ignacio |
| *Carmen Villanueva | *Shinar Ciencia |
| *Lily Soriano | *Dave Mcmillin |
| *Andy Bestre | *Dan Sameon |
| *Gil & Diana Geron | *Sophia Tanicala |
| *Rodrigo Tada | *Nica Aurigue |
| *Ofelia Abance | *Felix & Layola Bravo |
| *Cecilia Alvarez | *Clabern Sharlo Abance |

Spiritual guidance and comfort for some brethren; world, national, and local leaders.

SAFE PREGNANCY



James 5:15
"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up;" NIV

SAFE TRAVEL

*Sameons (Negros)
 Young People Delegates
 (Nangalisan)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING** — MEZZANINE FLOOR, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY TODAY
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**— MARCH 20, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM. EVERYBODY WELCOME.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**—TODAY, MARCH 18, 2018 @ 12:00—2:30 PM.
- **LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM**— MIDTOWN HALL | MARCH 25, 2018 | 1:00—4:00 PM
- **NAKRISTIANOAN A PANAG-ADAL KEN PANAGKAKADUA 2018**—BAGUIO CHURCH OF CHRIST 18 RIMANDO RD. | MARCH 28-31, 2018 | REGISTRATION: P400 (10 YEARS OLD & UP); P200 (3—9 YEARS OLD)
- **BAGUIO-BENGUET JOINT YOUTH CARE GROUP**—A-HILL CHURCH | MARCH 24, 2018 | 4:00—6:00 PM
- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MONTHLY HOME FELLOWSHIP**—PALAYPAYON RESIDENCE | MARCH 31, 2018

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ISAAC

ISAAC

A name carries great authority. It sets you apart. It triggers memories. The sound of it calls you to attention anywhere.

Many Bible names accomplished even more. They were often descriptions of important facts about one's past and hopes for the future. The choice of the name *Isaac*, "he laughs," for Abraham and Sarah's son must have created a variety of feelings in them each time it was spoken. At times it must have recalled their shocked laughter at God's announcement that they would be parents in their old age. At other times, it must have brought back the joyful feelings of receiving their long-awaited answer to prayer for a child. Most important, it was a testimony to God's power in making his promise a reality.

In a family of forceful initiators, Isaac was the quiet, "mind-my-own-business" type unless he was specifically called on to take action. He was the protected only child from the time Sarah got rid of Ishmael until Abraham arranged his marriage to Rebekah.

In his own family, Isaac had the patriarchal position, but Rebekah had the power. Rather than stand his ground, Isaac found it easier to compromise or lie to avoid confrontations.

In spite of these shortcomings, Isaac was part of God's plan. The model his father gave him included a great gift of faith in the one true God. God's promise to create a great nation through which he would bless the world was passed on by Isaac to his twin sons.

It is usually not hard to identify with Isaac in his weaknesses. But consider for a moment that God works through people in spite of their shortcomings and, often, through them. As you pray, put into words your desire to be available to God. You will discover that his willingness to use you is even greater than your desire to be used.

Strengths and accomplishments:

- He was the miracle child born to Sarah and Abraham when she was 90 years old and he was 100
- He was the first descendant in fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham
- He seems to have been a caring and consistent husband, at least until his sons were born
- He demonstrated great patience

Weaknesses and mistakes:

- Under pressure he tended to lie
- In conflict he sought to avoid confrontation
- He played favorites between his sons and alienated his wife

Lessons from his life:

- Patience often brings rewards
- Both God's plans and his promises are larger than people
- God keeps his promises! He remains faithful though we are often faithless
- Playing favorites is sure to bring family conflict

Vital statistics:

- Where: The area called the Negev, in the southern part of Palestine, between Kadesh and Shur (Genesis 20:1)
- Occupation: Wealthy livestock owner
- Relatives: Parents: Abraham and Sarah. Half brother: Ishmael. Wife: Rebekah. Sons: Jacob and Esau

Key verse:

"Then God said, 'Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him' " (Genesis 17:19).

Isaac's story is told in Genesis 17:15—35:29. He is also mentioned in Romans 9:7, 8; Hebrews 11:17-20; James 2:21-24.

EVANGELISTIC LESSON SERIES Midtown Church of Christ

A. INTRODUCTORY LESSONS (5)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Importance of the Word of God
- LESSON NO. 2 – Introduction to the Bible
- LESSON NO. 3 – How We Got the Bible
- LESSON NO. 4 – Overview of Bible History
- LESSON NO. 5 – Christ's New Testament Replaces the Old Testament

B. SEEKER'S LESSONS (6)

- LESSON NO. 1 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - A. God's Plan for Man
- LESSON NO. 2 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - B. The Fall of Man
- LESSON NO. 3 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - C. Jesus the Savior
- LESSON NO. 4 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - D. The Steps of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 5 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - E. The Cost of Discipleship
- LESSON NO. 6 – The Scheme of Redemption:
 - F. Where Will Your Life End?

C. NEW LIFE LESSONS (12)

- LESSON NO. 1 – Assurance of Salvation
- LESSON NO. 2 – Obedient Living
- LESSON NO. 3 – Dealing With Temptations
- LESSON NO. 4 – Developing a Devotional Life
- LESSON NO. 5 – Developing a Prayerful Life
- LESSON NO. 6 – Discerning God's Guidance
- LESSON NO. 7 – My Church Involvement & Spiritual Gifts
 - + Becoming Christians Only
 - + Biblical Church Organization
- LESSON NO. 8 – Partaking of the Lord's Supper
- LESSON NO. 9 – Living Abundantly & My Giving to God
- LESSON NO. 10 – Becoming an Effective Soul-winner
- LESSON NO. 11 – Victorious Christian Living
- LESSON NO. 12 – Everyday Righteousness & Commitment to Moral Excellence

To enrol in any of the lessons, feel free to contact :
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Midtown Church of Christ SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS | CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
TUESDAY		
Bayating Residence Poblacion, Tuba	6:30–8:30 PM	Arnan Bayla & Andy Bestre
College & Young Adults @ Family Life Center	6 – 7:30 PM	Ezra Valdez
WEDNESDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7–9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, & Yang residences)	7 – 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoas
Geron Residence @ Queen of Peace Road	5 – 6:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales
THURSDAY		
Young People Family Life Center	5:30 – 7:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales, et. al.
FRIDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 – 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
SATURDAY		
Sports & Jogging Panagbenga Park	8 – 10 AM	YPeez Sports Enthusiasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM 4th Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School -College Care Group @ FLC	5 – 7 PM	Young Adults and College students
SUNDAY		
All YPeez Care Group	12 – 3 PM Fourth Sunday	YPs in charge
All Ladies Fellowship	12 – 3 PM Third Sunday	Ladies in charge: 4th Q Steering Group
Young Adults @ Family Life Center	3 – 5 PM	YAs in charge

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



Communion - 9:00 - 9:30
 Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:30
 Message - 10:45 - 11:15

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS

See schedule



SUNDAY PM WORSHIP

Worship Assembly
 5:30 - 6:30 PM



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